

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser for holding a large number of tablets and for dispensing them one by one, comprising a housing with two box-shaped housing halves of equal ~~the same~~ length which are assembled on each other ~~like a box~~; a housing bottom part with a dispensing opening, arranged in a the side wall of a corner of the housing, for individual tablets and a housing top part without a front wall at a the dispensing side with a chase barrier arranged in the interior of the ~~dispensing~~ housing at a the front side, the housing parts being ~~which are~~ connected so as to be displaceable relative to one another in ~~such a way that enables them to be displaced~~ parallel to a the container axis in opposite directions, by means of the displacement ~~this travel~~ the dispensing opening is alternately opened and closed, wherein,

a) the chase barrier has a nose-shaped design with a wider back which protrudes in steps at the dispensing side and which is arranged such that its lateral distance to the side wall of the housing top part located at the dispensing side is larger than the diameter of the tablets, and that to the side wall of the housing bottom part located at the dispensing side is smaller than the diameter of the tablets,[[.]]

b) a dead storage barrier is arranged in the interior of the ~~dispenser~~ housing on the housing bottom part in a ~~the~~ housing corner opposite the dispensing opening,[[.]]

c) the dead storage barrier and the chase barrier in the interior of the ~~dispenser~~ housing are designed and arranged to be displaceable relative to each other such that they act together as dosing elements and with each displacement travel of the housing halves only one tablet at a time reaches a ~~the~~ dispensing area of the dispensing opening.

2. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the dead storage barrier is arranged as far up to the front side of the ~~dispenser~~ housing located at the dispensing side such that its wider back abuts the front wall of

the housing bottom part in a ~~the~~ starting position of the dispenser.

3. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according Claim 1, wherein the dead storage barrier in the housing interior located at the corner of the ~~dispenser~~ housing opposite the dispensing opening is dimensioned such that it at least partially fills a ~~the~~ space between the chase barrier and the side wall of the housing bottom part at the dispensing side in a starting position of the tablet dispenser and is displaced in a dispensing position of the tablet dispenser such that it closes off the space between the chase barrier and the side wall of the housing bottom part at the dispensing side to the front with its lower edge and thus prevents any possible trail of tablets around a ~~the~~ front of the chase barrier.

4. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein for flat tablets whose thickness is substantially smaller than a depth of the housing ~~depth~~ so that at least two ~~or more~~ tablets can lie on top of each other, an additional ramp-like dosing element is mounted on the housing bottom part for pre-dosing the tablets in the interior of the

~~dispenser~~ housing in the intake area toward the dispensing opening.

5. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to claim 4, wherein the ramp-like dosing element is concavely shaped from the bottom side of the housing bottom part with webs arranged in the ~~this~~ cavity for stabilization ~~the stabilizing~~ thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the front wall of the housing bottom part located at the dispensing side exhibits a recess whose width is smaller than the tablet diameter and corresponds to a ~~the~~ width of the wide back of the chase barrier and which is closed by ~~means of the inserted~~ wide back of the chase barrier when the ~~in~~ ~~a closed~~ tablet dispenser is closed.

7. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein a cam is arranged on a ~~the~~ inside top surface of housing top part which restricts ~~the~~ displacement of the housing top part during ~~the~~ dispensing of tablets by abutting the rear front wall of the housing bottom part opposite the dispensing opening.

8. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein an arched web is arranged on the inside top surface of the top part next to the chase barrier, which by contacting the dead storage barrier, hampers ~~the~~ unintentional opening and closing of the tablet dispenser and which signals ~~the~~ opening and closing at least one of acoustically and ~~and/or~~ with a tactile sensation.

9. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein a repositioning device with a spring element is arranged in an ~~the~~ area of the housing top part opposite the dispensing opening which supports itself at the rear front wall of the housing bottom part and which is tensioned during ~~the~~ dispensing of tablets by ~~the~~ displacement of the housing top part.

10. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the front wall of the top part opposite the dispensing opening exhibits a recess that facilitates external ~~in order to facilitate the~~ displacement of the housing halves ~~from the outside.~~

11. (Previously presented) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the dosing elements are manufactured as segments in one piece with the housing halves.

12. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein both housing halves of the ~~dispenser~~ housing are connected to each other at both of their longitudinal side walls by ~~means of a detachable locking mechanism, for example by a clip lock.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 1, wherein the housing ~~it~~ is designed to be refillable ~~refilled~~ following emptying.

14. (New) A tablet dispenser according to Claim 12, wherein the locking mechanism is a clip lock.